

BRETHREN EVANGELIST

each day brings forth its work but are we ready to receive it? Are we willing to work in the vineyard? Do we work with earnest hearts and do we love one another as we ought? When there is love there is peace; love casteth out fear and that is what the Lord loves, perfect peace and charity.

Oh, let us fight the battle hard, let us be true soldiers for Jesus. There is no danger of doing too much, but beware of doing too little. He don't expect more than we can do but expects just the thing that we can do, and if ye lack wisdom he said, ask of God who giveth to all men liberally. Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life.

He has given each one a talent. Now let us not be like the one who thought so much of his that he wrapped it in a napkin and buried it. We all have a work to do whether it be great or small. And brethren let us pray. What is more pleasant than to be in sweet communion with the loving Master. How he loves us; he is ever ready and willing to hear and answer our prayers if we only come in faith believing; it will make you stronger in your daily walk and lighten your burden each day. Now let us work out our soul's salvation with fear and trembling, looking unto Jesus who is the author and finisher of faith. I feel it is a most precious work, one that our souls cannot afford to neglect. May we all grow stronger each day and when we have done His will and are thro serving Him here on this earth, may we be so unspeakably happy as to wear the crown laid up for those that love Him and have eternal life which our Father is more than willing to give.

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THE BEGINNING OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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In the fourth chapter of Matthew we read of Christ being tempted by satan and when he had overcome every temptation he began to tell the people to repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and to heal all manner of sickness.

When he left the cities in which he had been healing and teaching, great multitudes followed him. Christ was making a great stir in the country, and the people began to wonder what this meant. So it is today. When one goes out into this world in earnest, having the Spirit of God with him and caring nothing for things of this world, but placing God above everything else and teaching the truths of the Bible earnestly and prayerfully, people begin to wonder at this work which he is doing and become interested in it. But on the other hand when he sits still and does nothing, no one is going to follow him up and wonder at the work he is doing. We must get out

into the world boldly if we would accomplish great things.

Jesus saw the multitude afar off and went up into a mountain and when he was set his disciples came unto him. Christ loved these disciples and gave them power over unclean spirits, and to heal all manner of sickness and diseases and ordained them to be with him and that they might go forth and preach. Mark 3:13, 15. We are his disciples today and we haven't had that power taken from us. The trouble with us is our faith is too small. In Matthew 17:18, 20 we read of Jesus casting out an unclean spirit, then his disciples came unto him and said, "why could we not cast him out?" Jesus said, "because of your unbelief," for verily I say unto you if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

Christ taught his disciples, saying,

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

With trials and temptations on every hand we often feel as though it was almost impossible to be a Christian, but when we read God's precious promises and go to him in prayer he gives us comfort and strength. Our Savior knew when he left us upon this earth that we would have many trials, but how comforting to know he will never refuse to forgive us when we do wrong. In Ps. 51, we read of David feeling sorry for sins, and in the 17th verse he speaks these words which can give comfort to one who is poor in spirit. "The sacrifices of God a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O, God, thou wilt not despise."

"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." We all mourn in this world and feel very sad at times but Jesus promises us comfort. Lazarus, no doubt, felt very bad, but was at last comforted by the great Comforter. As we are partakers of the sufferings, so shall we be of the consolation. When we depart into the better land Christ will wipe away all tears.

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." We should do our best to be humble, giving to forbearance under difficulties and submission to the divine will. Christ gives us the example. He says, "Learn of me for I am meek and lowly of heart."

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." Christ does not promise us this blessing if we merely hunger and thirst after the things of this world, but we must hunger and thirst after righteousness. Christ says in that day his servants shall eat and they that are not his servants shall go hungry.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they

shall obtain mercy." We can be merciful in considering the poor, and by forgiving if we have aught against any one, etc.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." We are not pure in heart unless we walk uprightly, work righteousness and speak the truth in our hearts. We must not backbite with our tongues nor do evil to our neighbors.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." One who is trying to live a pure religious life will have to receive a great many persecutions. He must take the word of God as his shield and by living up to its teachings he can live a life that he will appear clear in the judgment.

"Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake." It is our duty to stand clear and if men will accuse us falsely, it ought not to hurt us. He gives us the reward if we keep all these sayings. "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

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THE WORK IN CALIFORNIA

MARTIN SHIVELY

Almost one and a half years have elapsed since, at the call of my brethren here, I came to help them in their efforts to enlarge the borders of Zion. The time has not been spent in idleness, for we have been busily engaged, and in Jesus' name, I am sure some good has been done. Our home has been and still is at Lathrop, where we shall be glad to have you call to see us anytime you may be passing this way. This is also the home of our beloved brother J. P. Wolfe, whose name and work are well known to our people generally. Other excellent people live here also, and among them not a few who are good workers in the Master's vineyard. The Lathrop has a few less than fifty members and support three appointments,—The first in Lathrop itself, which is sustained by about twenty members and their friends. Here is an "evergreen" Sunday-school, for a long time led by brother J. P. W., but lately given into the hands of his nephew, brother J. Milo Wolfe, who is well qualified both intellectually and spiritually for the work given him. Here also a weekly prayer meeting is sustained, an active S. S. C. E., and preaching every Sunday evening. All the services are well attended, especially by the religiously inclined people, for there are no other services held in the village, except Roman Catholic, and that people is weak in this immediate locality. We have no opposition save